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IN THE MATTER OF: To issue a declaratory order that the proposed construction of a homeless encampment and commercial campground on 7.9 Acres of a 22.7 Acre Parcel Located at Hokiokio Place and Lahaina Bypass Road at Maui Tax Map Key No. (2) 4-7-003:031 (POR), Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii in the agricultural district requires a boundary amendment.

To whom it may concern:

My family have been Puamana owners since 1989.

While I am in favour of alleviating suffering for those in need, this project as proposed, even if well intentioned, does not appear in any way to be an effective part of the solution.

Systemic issues such as homelessness are complex and challenging. To propose a campground that combines tourism and homelessness is surely a preposterous idea which, by any standard of common sense, simply will not work. In addition, whether it makes sense for one or the other of those groups to be in the identified location is questionable for the overall well-being of historic Lahaina and the West Maui community.

Compassion and solutions to homelessness are needed. I urge you to send this one, however, back to the drawing board.

With mahalo and respect,

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“I know of no single formula for success, but over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal, and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm and their inspiration, to work together.” — Queen Elizabeth II at the UN General Assembly, July 6, 2010